CATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) The SHAR Centre at Sriharikota is the main launch base of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) for launching satellite launch vehicles and sounding rockets. The ISRO Range Complex (IREX) and the country's largest Solid Propellant Space Rooster Plant (SPROB) are at this Centre. The Centre also operates the Static Test and Evaluation Complex (STEX) and the computerised data processing facilities to support the indigenous launch vehicle development and missions.

(b) The SHAR Centre so far has launched four Satellite Launch Vehi-cle-3 (SLV 3) and two Augmented Satellite Launch Vehicle (ASLV) apart from about 300 sounding rockets. Recent achievements include the successful casting and testing of a 125 tonne solid booster (Word's third largest booster), erection and commissioning of 3500 tonne Mobile Service Structure for launching of Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) and establishment of Precision Coherent Monopulse C-band Radar (PCMC) system.

Pension for Ex-servicemen

934. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what amount is spent on the pension for ex-servicemen; and

(b) what is the present number of ex-servicemen getting such pension?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) The amount likely to be spent during 1989-90 is estimated at about Rs. 1200 crores.

(b) thte number is estimated at about 10 lakhs.

Cut **in use of importer content by CTV manufacturers**

935. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL; Will the PRIME MIN ISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have urged all the Colour TV manufacturers in the country to cut import content of electronic equipment;

(b) if so, whether the colour TV manufacturers in the country are presently using imported parts of more than forty per cent; and

(c) if so, the steps Government purpose to take to direct colour TV manufacturers to install indigenous parts in colour TVs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) and (c) After announcing policy for setting up of CTV industry in the country in 1983, steps were initiated to promote indigenous manufacture of CTV components. The import content has been progressively coming down.

(b) No, Sir.

Expansion of development programmes of women and children

936. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the PRIME MINIS TER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to expand programmes relating to the development of women and children in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the manner in which these programmes would be implemented throughout the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF

STATE IN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The details (of expan sion and additions or deletions) will be worked out in the exercises to be undertaken in the Eighth Five Year plan.

Constitution of Environment monitoring Committee

937. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to, state:

(a) whether Government have constituted an Environment Monitoring Committee to ensure effective implementation of environmental safeguards in irrigation, multipurpose and flood control projects;

(b) if so, the composition of the committee and its terms of reference;

(c) whether the Committee has any non-official members; if so, the cri teria for their selection and the remu neration to be paid to them;

(d) whether Government have asked the committee to submit reports from time to time for proper implementation by Government;

(e) if so, the details thereof and to what extent Government would check environmental pollution in the country; and

(f) what steps are proposed to be taken to implement the objectives of the Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PRO GRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

In addition to the Standing Envir-I onmental Appraisal Committee for River Valley Projects in the Ministry of Environment and Forests, an Environmental Monitoring Committee has been set up by the Ministry of Water Resources. The composition and terms of reference of the Monitoring Committee are enclosed. (See below).

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir.

The Committee will prepare and submit an annual report on the status of environmental management of different projects in various river basins-Failure to comply with the suggested safeguards may lead to review of the project and action under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

(f) The Environmental Monitoring Committee aims to ensure;

—Creation of an Environmental Management Committee in each Project;

—Compilation of six monthly reports on implementation of environmental safeguards; and

—Review of the findings every three months.

Statement

COMPOSITION:

(i) Member (WP), Central Water Commission—Chairman.

(ii) Joint Commissioner (PP), Ministry of Water Resources—Member.

(iii) Principal Scientific Officer, Ministry of Environment & Forests— Member.

(iv) Deputy Adviser (I & CAD) Planning Commission—Member.

(v) Subject Matter Specialist Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperation— I Member.